

July 19, 2000

Our Reference: WA-TX0110.90.R2

Ms. Linda K. Wertz, State Medicaid Director
Health and Human Services Commission
Post Office Box 13247
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Ms. Wertz:

I am pleased to inform you that Texas' amendment to its Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0110.90.R2 has been approved with an effective date of March 1, 2000. This HCBSW program, as authorized under the provisions of section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act, provides an array of home and community-based services as an alternative to institutionalization in an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR). This amendment has been assigned control number 0110.90.R2.03 which should be used in all future correspondence regarding the program.

Specifically, the amendment makes the following changes to the HCS Program:

- Local Mental Retardation Authorities (MRAs) are responsible for completion of the enrollment application, including the initial Individual Plan of Care, for applicants to the HCS Program and submission of the application for approval by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TDMHMR).
- Adds a fourth Residential Assistance service component, Supervised Living, to address the level of service needed by individuals who do not routinely require assistance or supervision from a direct service provider who remains awake during normal sleeping hours.
- The service component called Residential Support is revised to stipulate that it includes supervision and assistance by direct service providers who are present in the home and remain awake during normal working hours. The distinction between Supervised Living and Residential Support allows the level of residential assistance provided to more closely match the service levels required by recipients who do not live independently, with family members or with foster/companion care providers.
- One hundred forty program placements have been added to provide services to those individuals who have been waiting the longest, statewide, for HCS Program services. These individuals must be registered as waiting for waiver services in the local service area of one of the Mental Retardation Authorities. Vacancies resulting from permanent discharges of individuals in this target group will be filled only by individuals from this target group.

The following estimates of utilization and cost of waiver services have been approved:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Unduplicated Recipients</u>	<u>Factor "D"</u>
2	4,761	\$43,899.33
3	4,911	\$44,545.64
4	4,911	\$45,642.83
5	4,911	\$46,736.01

For your convenience, a copy of the approved amendment is included with this correspondence. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Reeder at 214-767-4419.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations